



## MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
127 N Wyman St, Rockford, IL 61101

### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Turner at 10:00 am.

### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Boone County, Planning Department; City of Loves Park, Public Works Dept.; City of Rockford, Community Development Dept.; City of Rockford, Public Works Dept.; Illinois Dept. of Transportation, District 2; Rockford Mass Transit District; Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Dept.; Village of Machesney Park, Public Works; Winnebago County Highway Department; Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Dept.

City of Belvidere, Planning Department and City of Belvidere, Public Works Department arrived at 10:10 AM.

**Members Absent:** Chicago/Rockford International Airport; City of Loves Park, Community Development Dept.; Boone County Highway Dept.; Four Rivers Sanitation District; Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; Boone County Conservation District; Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Rockford Park District.

**Others Present:** Doug DeLille, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Urban Program Planning; Sharon Hecox, Stateline Mass Transit District; Sydney Turner, Melisa Ribikawskis, Alexandra Rosander, Makenzee Wilcox, Gilton Cross, Kara Harmet, Region 1 Planning Council.

### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the committee.

### 4. Approval of the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Turner entertains a motion to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Technical Committee minutes.

**Motion** by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department, seconded by Ms. Mandujano, Boone County Planning Department, to **approve** the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

### 5. MPO FY 2022 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment - MPO Resolution 2021-20:

Ms. Turner stated that MPO Resolution 2021-20 for an amendment to the FY 2022-2025 TIP at the request of Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Rockford, and Ogle County for the addition of the following projects:

- IDOT requested the following amendments:
  - #1-22-14: IL-2 & IL-72, Mill Creek at the W Edge of Byron & the Rock River at the Eastern edge of Byron (New Project Phase)
- City of Rockford has requested the following amendments:
  - 3-20-22: Sandy Hollow Road Reconstruction, Kishwaukee Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Change in funding amount)

- 3-22-14: Sandy Hollow Road & IL Railway Crossing Improvements, Railroad Mile 20.29 (New Project)
- Ogle County has requested the following amendment:
  - 21-22-2: Kishwaukee Road, At-grade railroad crossing (new project)

Ms. Turner asked for a recommendation from the MPO Technical Committee.

**Motion** by Mr. Messinger, City of Loves Park Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department, to **recommend** the adoption of the FY 2022-2025 TIP MPO Resolution 2021-20.

A comment was made seeking more information on the funding source for the at-grade railroad crossing.

Motion **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

## 6. SPR-Funded Projects:

Ms. Turner provided the following updates on MPO’s current State Planning and Research (SPR) grant funded projects:

- RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis: Sam Schwartz and RMTD are wrapping up the implementation plan. Early 2022, RMTD will be hosting a series of public engagement events to present and gather feedback on the proposed changes to the routes/system.
- Keith Creek Corridor: In October, the project website was launched. Additionally, on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, there were several meetings with community stakeholders to identify key issues and opportunities. The consultants will be reaching out to the stakeholders who couldn’t make our meetings and try to meet with them separately via zoom or perhaps in a small group setting. The consultants are also continuing to work on several subarea and focus maps as well as starting the analysis for the existing conditions report. The goal is to conduct larger community engagement events early next year. The purpose of this would be to review the State of Keith Creek summary and continue to gain input and feedback into the project and desired goals/actions for Keith Creek.
- Freight Study: Staff continues to work on *Phase III: Develop Goals for the Plan* of the project. As a part of this phase, staff wrapped up their research on national and state-level freight-related goals and has drafted several potential goals and objectives. Work efforts this month also included developing materials for the next Freight Working Group meeting, tentatively schedule for the end of November/early December.
- Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis: RPC staff will be meeting with the consulting team at the end of November/early December to begin discussing the conceptual design of the two rail stations. A Steering Team meeting will be occurring in the new year to discuss the various design concepts and gather feedback on the initial work completed thus far.

## 7. Regional Transportation Resiliency Study:

Ms. Turner reported that the MPO is working on a Regional Resiliency Study focusing on the regional transportation systems vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards as it relates to mobility, access, and safety. It will serve as a starting point for the region to strategize future planning efforts and prioritize infrastructure investments that will create a more resilient transportation system.

Mrs. Wilcox updated the committee on progress of key elements in the study, including the asset inventory, review of potential hazards experienced in the region, and a review of historic hazards in the region. She reported that the next steps will include conducting a vulnerability analysis modeled after IDOTs Vulnerability Assessment completed in 2017. This analysis will analyze asset criticality and risk.

Ms. Turner stated that once the MPO has completed the analysis it will be presented to the committee to discuss how to approach resiliency for future planning efforts.

## 8. Agency Reports

### 8.01 – Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2:

No Report.

**8.02 – Winnebago County Highway Department:**

No Report.

**8.03 – City of Rockford, Public Works Department:**

No Report.

**8.04 – City of Loves Park, Public Works Department:**

Mr. Messinger reported that River Lane project is nearing completion and overlays are almost completed.

**8.05 – Village of Machesney Park, Public Works:**

Not present.

**8.06 – Chicago Rockford International Airport:**

Not Present.

**8.07 – Rockford Mass Transit District**

Mr. Hughes reported that hours of operation will be starting an hour earlier and running an hour later in the evening. RMTD is adding 6 hybrid buses in December/January. In December/January, there will be additional night service on Saturdays.

**8.08 – City of Loves Park, Community Development Department:**

Not Present.

**8.09 – Village of Machesney Park, Community Development Department:**

Mr. Moffitt reported that the Village is preparing for traffic that may occur with the opening of a new business on IL-173.

**8.10 – City of Rockford, Community Development Department:**

No Report.

**8.11 – Winnebago County Planning and Economic Development Department**

No Report.

**8.12 – Boone County, Planning Department:**

No Report.

**8.13 – Boone County Highway Department:**

Not Present.

**8.14 – City of Belvidere, Public Works Department:**

Not Present.

**8.15 – City of Belvidere, Planning Department:**

No Report.

**8.16 – Four Rivers Sanitation Authority (Rock River Water Reclamation District)**

Not Present.

**8.17 – Forest Preserves of Winnebago County:**

Not Present.

**8.18 – Boone County Conservation District:**

Not Present.

**8.19 – Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District:**

No Report.

**8.20 – Rockford Park District:**

No Report.

**8.21 – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency:**

Not Present.

**8.22 – Illinois State Toll Highway Authority:**

Not Present.

**8.23 – IDOT, Division of Public Transportation:**

Not Present.

**8.24 – IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning:**

No report.

**8.24 – Ogle County Highway Department:**

Not Present.

**8.24 – Boone County Council of Aging:**

Not Present.

**8.24 – State Line Area Transportation Study:**

Not Present.

**8.24 – Federal Highway Administration, IL Division:**

Not Present.

**8.24 – Stateline Mass Transit District:**

Ms. Hecox reported that SMTD had a successful open house on October 27 with a ribbon cutting. SMTD has seen a small increase in ridership and is planning to continue public outreach.

**8.24 – Village of Roscoe:**

Mr. Sanders reported that the Village of Roscoe has wrapped up their 2021 residential streets program, spending a total of \$600,000. Their 2022 budget is going to board for approval.

**8.24 – RPC Metropolitan Planning Organization:**

- Advanced Construction Notices
  - The MPO has received advance construction notices for
    - #1-22-1: Various, Districtwide Bridges (IL-72, over the Rock River in Byron)
    - #1-22-4: I-39, Kishwaukee River South of Blackhawk Rd.
  - The following projects are being moved from advanced construction to current status.
    - #1-22-13: IL 2, Illinois Railway south of Cedar Street
- TIP Development Update
  - Staff has been working on an update to the development process of the annual TIP. As a part of this process, we will be sending out the current TIP projects in January to implementing agencies and scheduling meetings to review the projects at the end of January/early February. We hope the updated process will be more streamlined than previous year. Melisa is the lead for the TIP and will be reaching out soon

**9. Other Business**

Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department asked if the municipalities would receive funds from the Infrastructure bill.

Ms. Turner answered that urban areas will get funding. Many of the programs go through the state to determine how the money will be distributed. The line items were earmarked and taken out.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Mr. Carter, City of Rockford Public Works, seconded by Mr. Hodina, Winnebago County Highway Department, to **adjourn** at 10:25 am.

Motion **approved** unanimously by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Makenzee Wilcox

Minutes approved by action of the Board: 02/17/2022